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TOPIC Finow Airfield

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1. Because of the "Day of the Red Army" there were no activities except celebrations at the Finow (N 53/V 08) airfield. The field was difficult to observe due to strict security measures. Thirteen jet planes were parked along the taxiway in front of the hangars (slim fuselage, rudder assembly slanting high to the rear, elevator assembly set at top of rudder assembly, paint: dark green). About 18 fighters, presumably Yaks, were in front of the jet planes (low-wing monoplanes, rounded wing tips, in-line engine, three-bladed propeller, radiator under fuselage aft of wings, rounded rudder assembly, painted light blue, no markings except Soviet star). About 10 planes of the same type were parked on the eastern border of the field. No flying was observed except the landing of three fighters of the above described type.

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2. Eight motor vehicles including radio, tank and fire trucks were parked on the southeastern border of the field. A unit of about 150 men wearing blue epaulets fell in about 9:30 a.m. An officer addressed them. After half an hour 30 men of this unit left in the direction of Finow by truck _____ X1C _____ the field. Two Polish officers also entered (wearing square caps with large visor, and broad braids on the collar).

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Comment:

a. The report confirmed the observations of another source on the same day on the presence of jet fighters. According to available information, two regiments of the III Pzr Corps are assumed to be stationed in Finow. One of these regiments was equipped with type La-9 aircraft while the other had Yak-3 planes. Jet aircraft have been continually observed in Finow since late January 1950. The total of jet planes presently

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stationed in Pinow is estimated at at least 40, 31 being of the swept-back type. Since the arrival of new units was not observed the two fighter regiments in Pinow are assumed to be reequipped with jet planes. Outgoing shipments of conventional aircraft were not observed. It is assumed that besides the jet planes, about 80 conventional aircraft are stationed at the field.

b. The presence in Pinow of Polish officers was reported for the first time. These officers probably attended the observed celebrations.

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